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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S REMARKS ON 1975 MEAT IMPORT POLICY.

1. FOLLOWING IS PORTION OF PRESIDENT FORD'S REMARKS PERTAINING TO 1975 MEAT IMPORT POLICY MADE IN SIOUX CITY SEEKING TO QUOTE ... RELIEVE SOME OF THE ANXIETY UNQUOTE FELT IN THE LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY: BEGIN QUOTE ... I COULD NOT COME TO SIOUX CITY, THE HEART OF THE SLAUGHTER LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY, AND NOT SAY A WORD ABOUT THE PRODUCTION OF MEAT. LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS, AND ESPECIALLY CATTLE FEEDERS, HAVE CALLED TO THE ATTENTION OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS MANY TIMES IN THE PAST YEAR THE FINANCIAL WRINGER THEY ARE BEING PUT THROUGH. ADJUSTING TO HIGHER FEED COSTS AND AN INCREASED SUPPLY OF BEEF ANIMALS IS A PAINFUL PROCESS. ...

...THIS ADMINISTRATION INTENDS TO CARRY OUT THE INTENT OF THE MEAT IMPORT LAW. IF IMPORTS OF MEAT SUBJECT TO THE MEAT IMPORT LAW THREATEN TO PICK UP MARKEDLY DURING THE NEXT YEAR AND THE AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT'S ESTIMATE OF 1975 IMPORTS EXCEEDS THE TRIGGER LEVEL UNDER THE MEAT IMPORT LAW, I WILL EITHER IMPOSE QUOTAS OR NEGOTIATE VOLUNTARY EXPORT RESTRAINT AGREEMENTS WITH FOREIGN SUPPLIERS. END QUOTE.

2. IN RESPONDING TO POSSIBLE INQUIRIES, POSTS SHOULD BEAR IN MIND THAT SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE'S FIRST QUARTERLY

ESTIMATE OF 1975 MEAT IMPORTS SCHEDULED FOR ANNOUNCEMENT JANUARY 1, 1975. INGERSOLL

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